

**FACTSHEET**  
**VOTERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

**ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLING PLACE:**

Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of physical, visual, hearing impairment or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union (42 United States Code 1973aa-6).

**Election Day Assistance at Polling Place for Voters with Disabilities**

Polling places throughout the state are accessible to physically disabled voters. Voters who are unable to leave their vehicles to vote may use curbside voting services. Special parking for the handicapped is also available at most polling places.

For voters with visual disabilities, magnification devices are available for use by voters at the polling place.

**Election Day Assistance at Polling Place for Voters with Limited English Proficiency**

Voters who need language assistance should contact the chairperson or designated Voter Assistance Official assigned to the polling place.

**DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC (DRE) MACHINES AT POLLING PLACES:**

Pursuant to Section 301(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Direct Recording Electronic voting machines are available at polling places to:

- Ensure privacy and independence, and protect the right of voters with disabilities and voters with limited English proficiency.
- Provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired.
- Provide alternative language accessibility pursuant to the requirements of section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a).

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES:**

### **For Persons with Visual Disabilities**

A taped message about voting in Hawaii is available at the Office of Elections and at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

### **For Persons with Hearing or Speech Disabilities**

Election information is available through:

- Hawaii Voter Hotline's TTY at (808) 453-6150
- Toll-free TTY at 1-(800) 345-5915 for residents of Neighbor Islands
- Verizon Hawaii's Statewide Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) for the deaf and speech impaired at 1711 or 643-8833 (TTY)

### **For Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

Oral assistance and/or written assistance are available for voters with difficulty understanding the English language.

In addition to the English language, the Wikiwiki Voter Registration Form and Application for Absentee Voter Ballot are also available in Ilocano, Japanese, and Chinese pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as amended.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING:**

Any registered person may request an absentee ballot by mailing a completed Application for Absentee Voter Ballot to his or her city/county clerk. The application must be received by the clerk not earlier than sixty (60) days and not later than seven (7) days before an election (HRS § 15-4). The Clerk's office will mail an absentee ballot along with instructions upon receiving a request from the voter.

For more information, please contact your city/county clerk's office.

**COUNTY CLERK OF HAWAII**  
25 Aupuni Street, Rm. 105  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
TEL: (808) 961-8277  
FAX: (808) 961-8673

**CITY CLERK OF HONOLULU**  
530 S. King Street, Rm. 100  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
TEL: (808) 523-4293  
FAX: (808) 527-6888

COUNTY CLERK OF KAUAI  
4396 Rice Street, Rm. 106  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
TEL: (808) 241-6350  
FAX: (808) 241-6207

COUNTY CLERK OF MAUI  
200 S. High Street, Rm. 708  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
TEL: (808) 270-7749  
FAX: (808) 270-7171

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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Pearl City, Hawaii 96782  
Phone: 808-453-VOTE(8683)  
Neighbor Island Toll Free: 1-800-442-VOTE(8683)  
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